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OFFICE IN PREPARATION

— FOR —

Holy Communion

Let us pray.

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
And lighten with celestial fire.

Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy seven-fold gifts impart.

Thy blessed Unction from above,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light,
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of Thy grace.

Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where Thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee, of Both, to be but One.

That through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song:

Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Jesus said, I am the living Bread, which came down from Heaven.

Response. Lord, evermore give us this Bread.

Lord have mercy upon us.

R. Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, which are in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD our Heavenly Father, we offer unto Thee our humble and hearty thanks, that Thou hast given Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, not only to die for our sins, but also to be our spiritual food and sustenance in his Holy Sacrament.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

That Thou dost so lovingly call us to receive this Holy Communion, in remembrance of His Sacrifice, who didst vouchsafe to yield up His soul by death upon the Cross, for our salvation.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Grant us, Lord, ever to consider the dignity of this Holy Mystery, and so to search and examine ourselves that we may come holy and clean to this Heavenly Feast.

R. Grant us, Good Lord.

Grant that whereinsoever we may have offended, in will, or word, or deed, there we may bewail and confess our sins, with full purpose to amend our lives.

R. Grant us, Good Lord.

That we may be sincerely reconciled to all, and be ever ready to make satisfaction for all wrongs that we may have done to others.

R. Grant us, Good Lord.

That we may be ready to forgive all who may have done us wrong, as we would have forgiveness of our offences at Thy hands.

R. Grant us, Good Lord.

O HEAVENLY Father, help us. Without Thee we can do nothing. Without Thy help we cannot worthily approach Thy Holy Altar. Let Thy Holy Spirit guide us, and teach us wherein we have offended in Thy sight. Give us true sorrow for past sin, and grace to amend our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here may follow other prayers.

O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

All standing up.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Then should be said or sung.

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way and walk in the law of the Lord.

2. Blessed are they that keep His testimonies; and seek Him with their whole heart.

3. With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not go wrong out of Thy commandments.

4. Thy words have I hid within my heart: that I should not sin against Thee.

5. Like as the hart desireth the water brooks; so longeth my soul after Thee, O God.

6. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the Living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

7. O send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling.

8. And that I may go unto the altar of God; even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

PSALM LXXXIV.

O HOW amiable are Thy dwellings: Thou Lord of Hosts!

2. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

3. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even Thy altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.

4. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house. they will be alway praising Thee.

5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee: in whose heart are Thy ways.

6. Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well: and the pools are filled with water.

7. They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

8. O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer: hearken, O God of Jacob.

9. Behold, O God our defender: and look upon the face of Thine Anointed.

10. For one day in Thy courts: is better than a thousand.

11. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God: than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12. For the Lord God is a light and defence: the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall He withhold from them that live a godly life.

13. O Lord God of Hosts: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in Thee.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Or one of the following Psalms: xv, xxiv, xxvi, xlii, xliii. After which shall follow a Lesson from Holy Scripture.

HYMN AND OFFERTORY.
ADDRESS.

After which shall be sung (all kneeling) Hymns 197, 320, or other.

Let us pray.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the Communion of the Blood of Christ?

R. The bread which we break is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ?

LET Thy merc'ful ears, O Lord, be open unto our prayers, and enlighten our hearts with the Grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may worthily approach Thy Holy Mysteries, and love Thee w'th an everlasting love; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His Blood ye have no life in you.

R. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that Bread and drink of that Cup.

Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart; prove me, and examine my thoughts: look well if there be any way of wickedness in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

R. Let us judge ourselves, and we shall not be judged of the Lord.

A brief pause may here be made wherein each one may look into his heart and examine himself. Then shall be said:

Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness:

R. According to the multitude of Thy mercies, do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness:

R. And cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults:

R. And my sin is ever before me.

Turn Thy face away from my sins:

R. And put out all my m'sdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God:
R. And renew a right sp:rit within me.
O Lord, hear our prayer:
R. And let our cry come unto Thee.
Though your s'ns be as scarlet:
R. They shall be white as snow.
Though they be red like crimson:
R. They shall be as wool.

LORD I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof.

R. But speak the word only, and Thy servant shall be healed.

VISIT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and cleanse our conscience, that Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ when He cometh, may find in us a mansion prepared for Himself. Amen.

To be said all together.

WE confess to God Alm'ghty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned exceedingly, in thought, word and deed, through our own most grevious fault. Wherefore we pray God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost to have mercy upon us. Amen.

MAY the Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our s'ns, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

If a priest be present let him stand up and say,

MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon, absolution and remission of all your sins, space for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit. Amen.

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us:

R. Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Let us pray.

The prayer of Humble Access (to be said all together).

WE do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Thou feedest Thine own people with angel's food.

R. And dost give them Bread from Heaven.

O GOD who in this wonderful Sacrement has left us a memorial of Thy Pass'on grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that we may ever perceive in ourselves the fruit of Thy Redemption, Who l'vest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

THE Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord l'ft up the light of H's contenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

Thanksgiving after Communion

Antiphon. Let us sing the Song of the Three Children, which they sang as they blessed the Lord in the furnace of fire.

CANTICLE. Benedicite, Omnia opera.

O ALL ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise Him and magnify Him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O let Israel bless the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O ye Priests of the Lord: bless ye the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O ye humble and holy men of heart, bless ye the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

PSALM CL. Laudate Dominum.

O PRAISE God in His holiness; praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him in His noble acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet: praise Him upon the lute and harp.

Praise Him in the cymbals and dances: praise Him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise Him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

THE SONG OF SYMEON. Nunc Dimittis.

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: Thy salvation.

Which Thou hast prepared: before the face of all people:

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles; and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Antiphon. Let us sing the Song of the Three Children, which they sang as they blessed the Lord in the furnace of fire.

Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

And lead us not into temptation.
R. But deliver us from evil.
Let all Thy works praise Thee, O Lord.
R. And Thy Saints give thanks unto Thee.
Thy Saints shall exult in glory.
R. They shall rejoice in their be.
Not unto us, O Lord: not unto us.
R. But to Thy Name give the praise.
Lord, hear our prayer.
R. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who for Thy Three Servants didst assuage the flames of fire: mercifully grant that no unholy fires may inflame us, Thy servants.

Purify, O Lord, with the fire of Thy Holy Spirit our hearts and reins, that we may serve Thee with a chaste body and please Thee with a pure mind.

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy name; and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life. Though Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Same Spirit, even one God, world without end. Amen.

WE yield Thee thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Who not for any merit of ours, but of the condescension of Thy mercy only, hast vouchsafed to feed us sinners, Thy unworthy servants, with the precious Body and Blood of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. And we humbly entreat Thy boundless clemency, Almighty and Merciful Lord, that this Holy Communion may not bring guilt upon us to condemnation, but may be unto us pardon and salvation. Let it be unto us an armour of faith and a shield of good resolution. Let it be unto us a riddance of all vices, an extermination of all evil desires and lusts, and an increase of love and patience, of humility and obedience and all virtues, especially.....: a firm defence against the wiles of all enemies, visible and invisible; a perfect quieting of all sinful 'm-

pulses, fleshly or spiritual, especially.....: a firm adherence to Thee, the One True God, and a blessed consummation of our end. And we pray Thee, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bring us sinners to that ineffable feast, where Thou with Thy son and the Holy Ghost, art to Thy Saints true Light, full and everlasting Joy, and perfect Happ'ness; through the Same our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.